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Booking form

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Marxism '97 takes place in the ATGWU Hall, Middle Abbey street in Central Dublin on Friday 14th to Sunday 16th November.

The price of a weekend ticket for Marxism '97 is £8.00 (£5.00 unwaged) this includes entrance to the evening entertainments in the Bankers Club, 93 Stephens Green.

Free accommodation can be arranged by us. This is in the homes of Dublin SWP members — bring a sleeping bag. If you need to use the creche please ensure you book your place(s) well in advance and in any case before November 1st.

Return completed booking forms with payment to:
Marxism 97,
PO Box 1648,
Dublin 8.
Any queries telephone (01) 8722682

Throughout the weekend Bookmarx bookstall will have a huge selection of books and pamphlets.

Name.....

Address.....

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Union (if a student please state your college)

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Do you want us to arrange free accomdation for you?

❑yes ❑ no

If you need to use the creche please state the ages and number of children

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I enclose the sum of £____(cheques and postal orders payable to SWP)

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A weekend of socialist ideas and discussion

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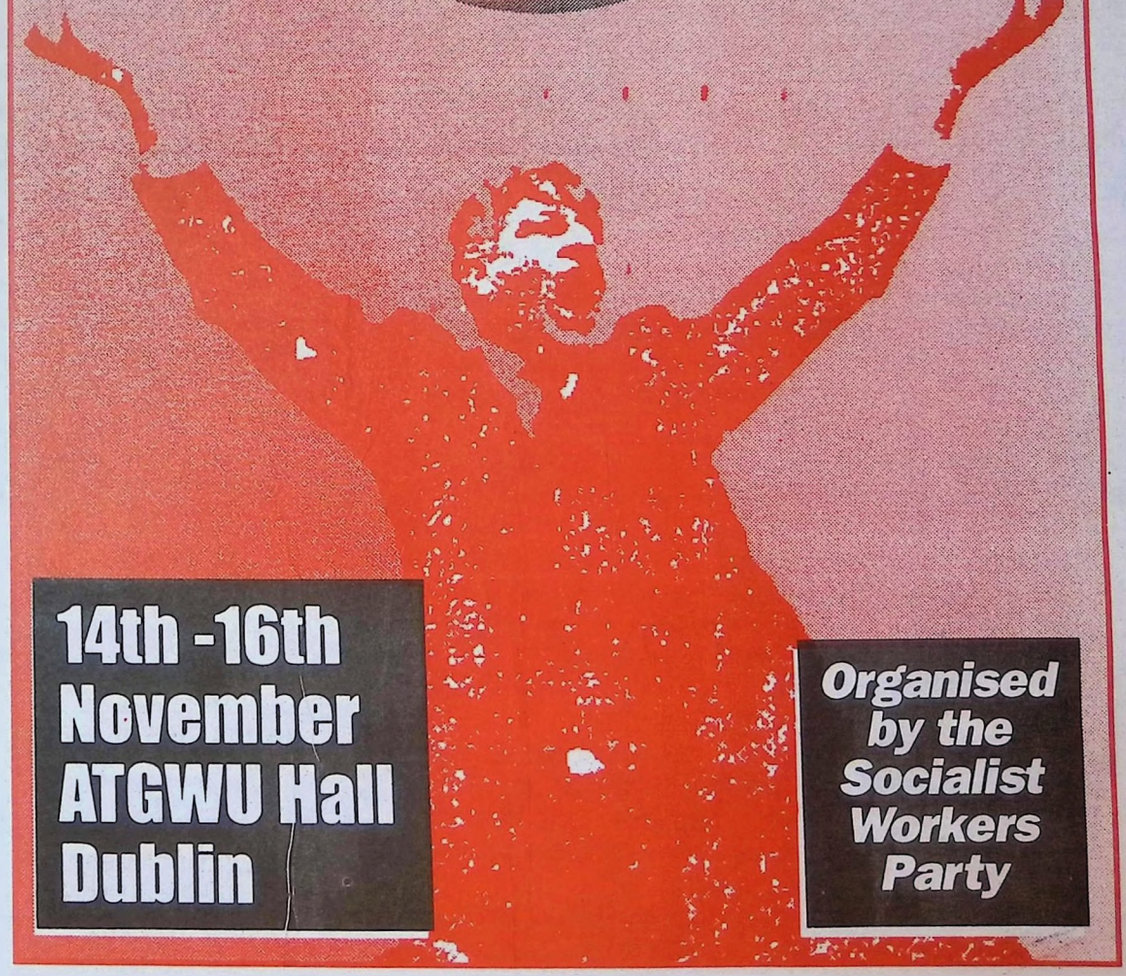

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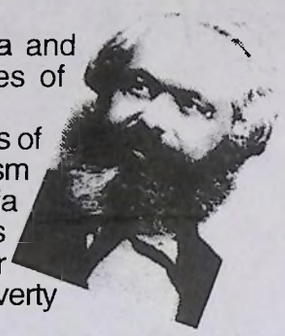


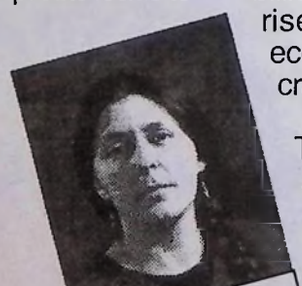
Yet diseases like TB, cholera and diarrhoea which claim the lives of millions are spreading.

Just fifty years since the horrors of the Holocaust, racism and fascism are on the rise in Europe. Media and right wing politicians encourage people to look for scapegoats to the problems of poverty and unemployment.

A hundred and fifty years ago Karl Marx declared that only a worker's revolution could end the injustices of class society. According to Marx, capitalism was a system that would not abolish class divisions, but would deepen them.

Now, as we move towards the end of the millennium, Marx's ideas have never been more relevant.

Rather than invest in things people need, the race for profits leads to billions being spent on arms, giving rise to horrific wars. The world economy is unstable, subject to a crazy boom - slump cycle.



Carolann Duggan leads a forum on the unions

Ireland is called the "Celtic Tiger", but growth here can be shaken just as quickly as happened in the South East Asian economies who have all recently seen their currencies collapse.

The boom times in Ireland haven't been to the benefit of everyone. An ESRI survey showed the numbers living in poverty as having increased from 31% to 35% despite the growth in profits.

The real beneficiaries have been multi-nationals and Irish employers - along with their political allies. With the growing revelations about corrupt politicians, more and more workers are coming to see that the system we live in works only for the rich.

One indication of a desire for change was the tremendous vote in the SIPTU Presidential Campaign for Carolann Duggan the rank and file socialist, standing for a fighting union. To build a successful challenge to the system we need revolutionary ideas.

Eighty years ago the workers of Russia, led by the Bolshevik Party, made the most successful revolution to date and reached for a socialist world.

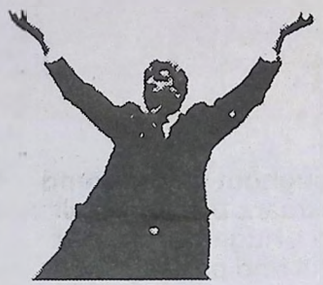
The lessons of that experience will be a major theme of Marxism '97.

At Marxism '97 hundreds of socialists will come together for over thirty discussions and debates, developing the ideas we need to build resistance.

Marxism is the biggest event of its kind in Ireland.If you are sick of the injustice and chaos of the system come along to Marxism to discuss how we can change it.

TIMETABLE

All meetings take place in ATGWU Hall, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin.



Friday

6.30—7.45	8.00—9.30
CHE GUEVARA AND THE CUBAN REVOLUTION Colm O'Riain	**REVOLUTIONARIES IN THE 1990's** Kieran Allen (Editor Socialist Worker) Chris Bambery (SWP Britain)
IS RELIGION THE OPIUM OF THE PEOPLE? Juliet Bressan	**150 years since the Communist Manifesto** **MARX AND THE EARLY SOCIALISTS** Deidre Cronin
AN INTRODUCTION TO MARXIST ECONOMICS Kevin Wingfield	**SIGMUND FREUD IN PERPECTIVE** Peadar O'Grady

Saturday

	10.00—11.15	11.45—1.00	2.00—3.15	3.45—5.00	7.00—8.30
ROOM 010	**THE CELTIC TIGER—CAN THE BOOM LAST** Ger Tuohy	**FORUM:THE RISE OF RACISM IN IRELAND** Bríd Smith, Davey Carlin, Dr Mohammed-al-Sadar	**DEBATE: How can the exploitation of workers in developing countries be ended?** Mary Van Leishout(Oxfam), Conor Kostick (SWP)	**SOCIALISTS IN THE UNIONS TODAY** Carolann Duggan, Marnie Holborrow and others	**80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION** Chris Bambery
ROOM 020	**ENGELS ON THE RISE OF CLASS SOCIETY** Joan Gallagher	**AFTER DOLLY: DO SOCIALISTS SUPPORT GENETIC ENGINEERING?** Paul McGarr	**TROTSKY'S FIGHT AGAINST STALIN** Damien Ahern	**HOW POWERFUL IS THE MEDIA?** Eamonn McCann	**LOYALISM AND THE PROTESTANT WORKING CLASS** Linda Moore
ROOM 030	**DRUGS AND COMMUNITY POLICING** Mary Smith	**JAMES JOYCE AND MODERNISM** Richard Boyd Barrett	**New lads or old sexism SEXUAL POLITICS IN THE 90'S** Marnie Holborrow	**CROMWELL: REVOLUTIONARY OR TYRANT?** Prof. Brian Manning	**ABORTION - WHY WOMEN SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE** Goretti Hogan

Sunday

	10.00—11.15	11.45—1.00	2.00—3.15	3.45—5.00	5.00—6.00
ROOM 010	**THE POLITICS OF THE UNITED IRISHMEN** Mark Hewitt	**BOLSHEVIKS AND THE CIVIL WAR** Kieran Allen	**THE FUTURE SOCIALIST SOCIETY** Paul McGarr	**FASCISM IN THE 1930'S How the nazis could have been stopped** Richard Boyd Barrett	**Final Rally** **Bríd Smith** **Carolann Duggan**
ROOM 020	**ROADS, POLLUTION AND THE ENVIRONMENT** Owen McCormack	**DOES PATRIARCHY EXPLAIN WOMENS OPPRESSION?** Melisa Halpin	**THE AMERICIAN WORKING CLASS TODAY** Brenda Piercy	**THE NORTH—WILL BRITAIN EVER LEAVE** Colm Bryce	
ROOM 030	**ZIONISM AND ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT** Shay Killalea	**HAS BLAIR MADE A DIFFERENCE?** Chris Bambery	**THE POLITICS OF NOAM CHOMSKY** Sinead Kennedy	**THE POLITICS OF THE SWP**	